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After more than a year of intense preparation by the entire staff of Kronos Events, the TCR Benelux kicked-off on last May 21-22 on the unrivalled and beautiful scenery of Spa-Francorchamps.

It was a moment of both pride and emotion, as it was more than fifteen years that the Benelux, one of the historic cradles of Touring Car racing, was waiting for the comeback of a 'real' Touring Car series. Now, the TCR concept and regulations have made the dream possible.

Five different car brands (Volkswagen, SEAT, Opel, Honda and Alfa Romeo) are represented in this inaugural edition of the TCR Benelux Series, which will include six meetings and visit the three Benelux countries. The sporting regulations are specific to the series, with the format built around a one-hour endurance race and no less than four 20-minutes sprint races. The TCR Benelux is also innovating in other areas, with fans having the possibility, for instance, to form the starting grid of the longer race, by expressing their support to their favourite drivers through the social networks.

The first event saw the participation of 28 drivers, including touring car racing stars of the calibre of Tiago Monteiro and Tom Coronel, very close fights and six drivers under 21 years of age...

A new dawn for Benelux motor racing is rising thanks to the new TCR Benelux Series!

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*In tribute to Jean-Pierre Mondron, co-director of Kronos Events, who passed away from illness last May 24th.*

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# We could not stay away from TCR...

At first glance, it might have looked merely like a crazy idea. But now it has become clear that Marcello Lotti's proposition was a very clever one; to bring Touring Cars, the models from mass production, back to racing and to the forefront of international motorsports.

'From the street to the track' is the perfect slogan and with a simple recipe too: identical regulations in every corner of the world. And so, the TCR International Series has become the showcase from which is emerging national series across the globe.

Constructors immediately understood the new opportunity to foster brand awareness by selling racing kits for cars homologated to race at reduced costs. It's a golden chance for drivers too, attracted like bees around a honey pot. Hence, national and regional series are flourishing, given the possibility to race anywhere in the world with the same cars.

In this context, Motorsport.com could not stay away from the project: we are an editorial web platform that has 20 different editions in the world (and I have the honour to be at the helm of the Italian version) and one that generates the most traffic talking about racing cars and bikes.

The affinities are evident and so the cooperation can only be fruitful for both sides...

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Mikhail Grachev  
celebrates  
his maiden  
victory  
at Imola





STANDINGS

INTERNATIONAL SERIES



# The two events that shook up the championship

THE FIRST SIX DRIVERS IN THE STANDINGS ARE COVERED BY ONLY 18 POINTS





When the TCR International Series arrived in Imola for rounds 7 and 8, nobody could have predicted the shakeup to the championship that would occur in the two Italian races and the two at the Salzburgring a fortnight later.

The first six rounds had witnessed five different winners, with Pepe Oriola's two wins in Bahrain making him the only double winner so far.

Thanks to those victories and a second place at Spa, Oriola had a two-point lead in the Drivers' series over his Craft-Bamboo Lukoil teammate James Nash, with Gianni Morbidelli in third place, a further two points adrift. Things would look very different by the time the TCR circus would roll out of Austria, however, as three other drivers had joined the title fight: Stefano Comini, Jean-Karl Vernay and Mat'ó Homola.



Gianni Morbidelli, Stefano Comini and Pepe Oriola are in the title fight once again







Consistency keeps Mat'o Homola still in contention



Honda, SEAT and Volkswagen cars running abreast



Lady Luck has not been much on Dušan Borković's side

After a frustrating start to the year, the Leopard Racing duo of Comini and Vernay won three races in as many events: the reigning champion Comini claimed his first win of the season at Imola to finally get his title defence underway, while Vernay, who had stormed to victory at Spa, took his second win in Austria thanks to the torrential rain and a last-minute decision to fit wet tyres. As for Homola, he still has to claim his maiden TCR victory, but his consistency is paying off. The young Slovak of the B3 Racing Team collected a fine string of good results in the four most recent events (one second, one third, three fourths and two fifths) that enabled him to close the gap from the lead.





**Attila Tassi's SEAT keeps on racing in torrential rain at the Salzburgring...**



**...while Davit Kajaia loses control of his Volkswagen**



At the same time Oriola, Morbidelli and Nash had their share of bad luck. After another decent weekend in Imola, with a second place in Race 1, Oriola was forced to retire by an electrical problem while leading Race 1 in Austria and subsequently failed to start Race 2. Morbidelli and Nash had experienced a similar situation in Imola where the Italian lost victory in Race 1 due to a power-steering failure and the Briton was sidelined by an engine issue.

Now 18 points are all that separate the top six drivers after 10 of the year's 22 races. Comini leads by one point ahead of Oriola, Nash is third, eight points adrift of the leader, Vernay and Morbidelli follow, both with a gap of 13 points, while Homola lies in sixth. And other competitors are eager to join the fight: Sergey Afanasyev who has proved he has the pace to score a maiden victory, his countryman Mikhail Grachev who has already claimed two after switching team and car, and Dušan Borković, if he only could manage to steer away of trouble...

Who will bet on which of them will be next to experience the highs or lows of what is turning out to be a fascinating season?

[➔ TCR International Series webpage](#)

**IMOLA - RACE 1, SUNDAY 22 MAY 2016**

	DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1	<b>Stefano Comini</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	14 laps in 28:11.944
2	<b>Pepe Oriola</b>	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	2.235
3	<b>Davit Kajaia</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	3.328
4	<b>Sergey Afanasyev</b>	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	10.570
5	<b>Mat'o Homola</b>	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	15.423
6.	<b>Jordi Gené</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	17.268
7	<b>Attila Tassi</b>	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	18.700
8	<b>Mikhail Grachev</b>	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	21.347
9	<b>Carlotta Fedeli</b>	SEAT León Cup Racer	B.D. Racing Motorsport	29.519
10	<b>Alessandra Neri</b>	SEAT León Cup Racer	B.D. Racing Motorsport	48.726

**Fastest lap: Pepe Oriola, 1:54.575, average 154.24 kph, lap 9**

**IMOLA - RACE 2, SUNDAY 22 MAY 2016**

	DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1	<b>Mikhail Grachev</b>	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	13 laps in 25:07.401
2	<b>Mat'o Homola</b>	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	1.795
3	<b>Stefano Comini</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	2.438
4	<b>Jean-Karl Vernay</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	2.946
5	<b>Pepe Oriola</b>	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	3.807
6	<b>Jordi Gené</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	8.698
7	<b>Attila Tassi</b>	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	11.521
8	<b>Davit Kajaia</b>	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	11.789
9	<b>Jordi Oriola</b>	Honda Civic TCR	Target Competition	12.807
10	<b>Alain Menu</b>	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	13.380

**Fastest lap: Jordi Oriola, 1:54.582, average 154.23 kph, lap 4**





A usual happening at the Salzburgring: cars pile up at Turn 1 after the start



Michela Cerruti and her Alfa Romeo Giulietta scored their first point in Austria

#### SALZBURGRING - RACE 1, SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2016

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Mikhail Grachev	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	17 laps in 27:40.614
2 James Nash	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	1.420
3 Mat'o Homola	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	1.627
4 Gianni Morbidelli	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	2.304
5 Jean-Karl Vernay	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	8.244
6 Attila Tassi	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	10.746
7 Davit Kajaia	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	11.305
8 Stefano Comini	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	12.387
9 Florian Janits	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	12.864
10 Michela Cerruti	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	Mulsanne Racing	28.268

Fastest lap: James Nash, 1:26.787, average 175.87 kph, lap 4

#### SALZBURGRING - RACE 2, SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2016

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Jean-Karl Vernay	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	17 laps in 30:51.124
2 Sergey Afanasyev	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	0.955
3 Stefano Comini	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	2.065
4 James Nash	SEAT León TCR	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	5.698
5 Mat'o Homola	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	7.889
6 Gianni Morbidelli	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	8.297
7 Jordi Oriola	Honda Civic TCR	Target Competition	9.392
8 Attila Tassi	SEAT León TCR	B3 Racing Team	16.390
9 Mikhail Grachev	Honda Civic TCR	WestCoast Racing	16.846
10 Florian Janits	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	Leopard Racing	31.036

Fastest lap: Jean-Karl Vernay, 1:36.507, average 158.16 kph, lap 13

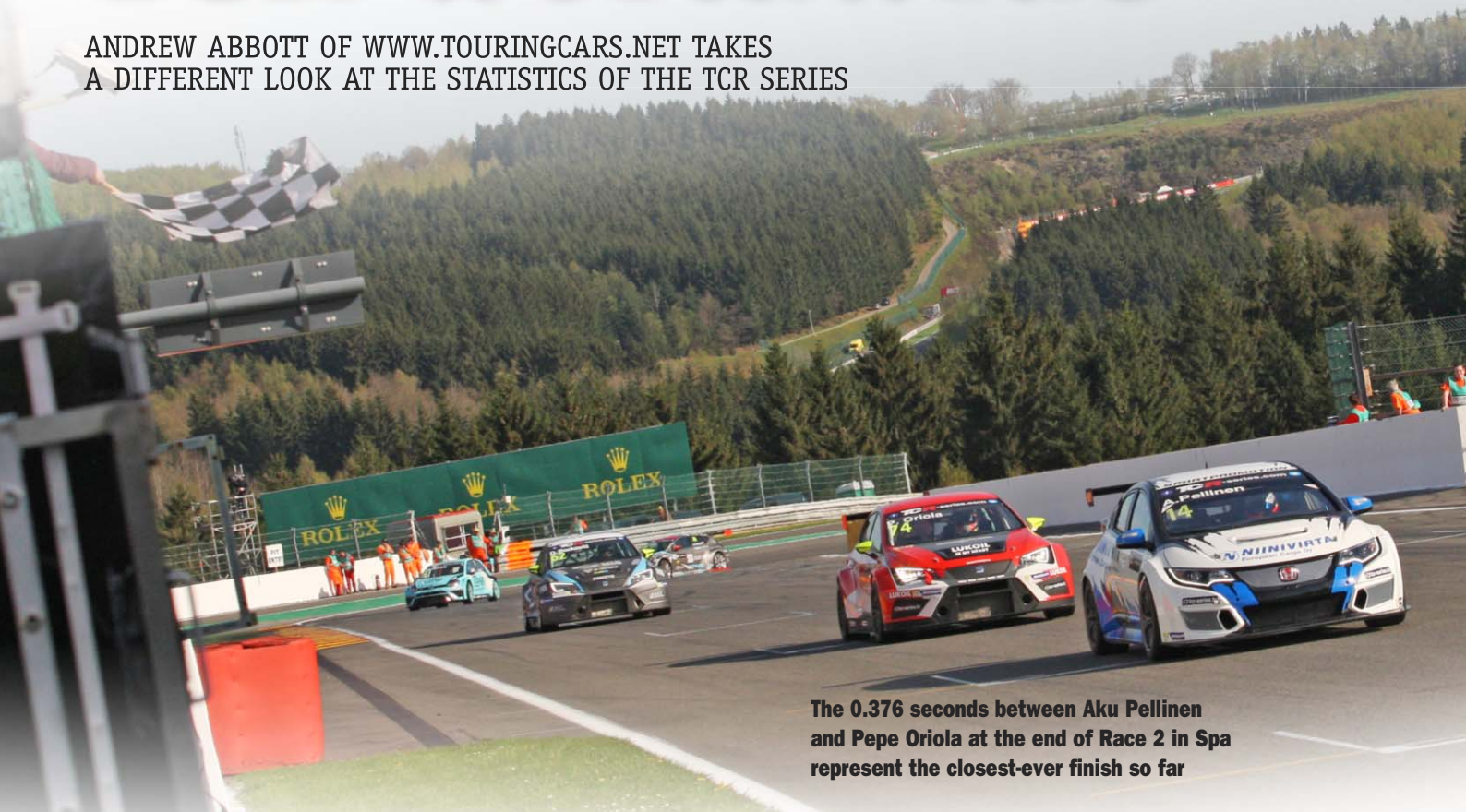
## The return of the Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR

The Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR run by Mulsanne Racing returned to the TCR International Series at the Salzburgring after missing the Spa and Imola rounds while the team concentrated on making improvements to the car. In addition, a second Giulietta made its maiden appearance in Austria, with Petr Fulín joining the team's regular driver Michela Cerruti. During its absence, the team concentrated on developing three main areas – aerodynamics, suspension and engine. The most obvious change means the car now boasts a new nose with a new splitter and larger cooling intakes, while significant improvements were made to both front and rear suspension and an increase in engine power. After some promising lap times posted by Fulín in Practice and Qualifying, the Czech driver was eliminated in the incident at the start of Race 1; Michela Cerruti was able to score her first point of the season when she finished 10th in Race 1, but this was not a quite adequate reward for the team's efforts.



# Crunching the numbers of TCR worldwide

ANDREW ABBOTT OF WWW.TOURINGCARS.NET TAKES A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THE STATISTICS OF THE TCR SERIES



The 0.376 seconds between Aku Pellinen and Pepe Oriola at the end of Race 2 in Spa represent the closest-ever finish so far

Although we are over one third of the way into the 2016 TCR International Series calendar, a number of regional and national championships have recently kicked off, providing the perfect opportunity to take a look at some of the more interesting statistics. There have only been three different winning manufacturers, SEAT, Honda and Volkswagen, but an impressive 22 different drivers have claimed wins out of the 31 races which have been held in TCR International, Asia, BeNeLux, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Russia and Thailand. Of those, the only double winners have been Pepe Oriola, Jean-Karl Vernay and Mikhail Grachev in the

International Series, TCR Germany's Josh Files, TCR Thailand's Carlo Van Dam, TCR Italy's Roberto Colciago, TCR Portugal's Francisco Carvalho and Nuno Batista (the duo shared the car in the four races of the first weekend) and TCR BeNeLux's Tiago Monteiro and Renaud Kuppens (who, like those in TCR Portugal, also shared their cars over a five-race weekend). Amongst them the youngest winner so far remains Pepe Oriola, at 21 years old, whilst the 'elder statesman' of the winners is Portuguese racer Carvalho, whose double victory in TCR Portugal came at the age of 52. The TCR formula continues to prove to be popular

amongst up-and-coming racers, with nine different drivers under the age of 30 already victorious in 2016. Competition has been close in TCR so far in 2016; the duel between Oriola and race winner Aku Pellinen in TCR International at Spa was the closest-ever finish in TCR at just 0.376 seconds. But perhaps the most intriguing statistic to emerge from TCR so far in 2016 is the starting grid for the TCR BeNeLux qualifying race. The 60-minute race, in itself the longest-yet TCR race, was decided by a fan vote on social media. Tiago Monteiro and Stéphane Lemeret emerged as the winners of this unusual accolade...





The 52-year old Portuguese Francisco Carvalho (right in the picture at the left, with his teammate Nuno Batista) is currently the oldest TCR race winner Jean-Karl Vernay (here below) and Tiago Monteiro (middle of the picture at the bottom) were among the few drivers who have scored more than one victory so far in the season









# TCR cars put on a worldwide show

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SERIES HAVE TAKEN OFF  
IN BENELUX, ASIA, RUSSIA, PORTUGAL AND THAILAND







## Honda wins four races out of five at Spa-Francorchamps

### Results

Spa-Francorchamps, Qualifying Race, Saturday 21 May

1. Tiago Monteiro/Stéphane Lémeret (Honda Civic TCR); 2. Pierre-Yves Corthals/Frédéric Caprasse (Opel Astra TCR); 3. Alexis van de Poele/Romain De Leval (Volkswagen Golf GTi TCR)

Spa-Francorchamps, Race 1, Sunday 22 May

1. Tiago Monteiro (Honda Civic TCR); 2. Sam Dejonghe (SEAT León TCR); 3. Guillaume Mondron (SEAT León TCR)

Spa-Francorchamps, Race 2, Sunday 22 May

1. Guillaume Mondron (SEAT León TCR); 2. Tiago Monteiro (Honda Civic TCR); 3. Tom Coronel (SEAT León Cup Racer)

Spa-Francorchamps, Race 3, Sunday 22 May

1. Renaud Kuppens (Honda Civic TCR); 2. Stéphane Lémeret (Honda Civic TCR); 3. Pierre-Yves Corthals (Opel Astra TCR)

Spa-Francorchamps, Race 4, Sunday 22 May

1. Renaud Kuppens (Honda Civic TCR); 2. Stéphane Lémeret (Honda Civic TCR); 3. Pierre-Yves Corthals (Opel Astra TCR)

The inaugural event of TCR Benelux took place at Spa-Francorchamps, where the Honda cars run by the Boutsen Ginion Racing won nearly everything. Tiago Monteiro and Stéphane Lémeret won the 60-minute qualifying race despite a strong opposition from the DG Sport Compétition Opel Astra of Pierre-Yves Corthals and Frédéric Caprasse.

On Sunday, Monteiro repeated his win in the first sprint race, but was beaten by Guillaume Mondron in the second. Then the rain spoiled the show. Renaud Kuppens won race three in the second Boutsen Ginion Racing car ahead of teammate Lémeret and Corthals' Opel. They finished in the same order in Race 4 that was red-flagged for torrential rain.











## Bruins and Sritrai share victories in Korea

The TCR Asia kicked off at the Korea International Circuit, where Roelof Bruins in the Viper Niza Racing SEAT León and Tin Sritrai in the Team Thailand Honda Civic claimed one win apiece.

Bruins, Sritrai and Andy Yan of Liqui

Moly Team Engstler were in a league of their own. Only a spin after a contact with Bruins prevented Sritrai from fighting for victory in the first race. Then, the trio put on a great show in Race 2, as they treated Korean fans to a close and exciting battle.

### Results

Jeonnam, Race 1, Sunday 15 May  
1. Roelof Bruins (SEAT León Cup Racer); 2. Andy Yan (Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR); 3. Henry Ho (Honda Civic TCR)

Jeonnam, Race 2, Sunday 15 May  
1. Tin Sritrai (Honda Civic TCR); 2. Andy Yan (Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR); 3. Roelof Bruins (SEAT León Cup Racer)







### Results

Smolensk Ring, Race 1, Saturday 14 May  
 1. Dmitry Bragin (SEAT León TCR); 2.  
 Aleksey Dudukalo (SEAT León TCR); 3.  
 Nikolay Karamyshev (SEAT León TCR)

Smolensk Ring, Race 2, Sunday 15 May  
 1. Aleksey Dudukalo (SEAT León TCR); 2.  
 Nikolay Karamyshev (SEAT León TCR); 3.  
 Dmitry Bragin (SEAT León TCR)

Nring, Race 1, Saturday 28 May  
 1. Dmitry Bragin (SEAT León TCR); 2.  
 Aleksey Dudukalo (SEAT León TCR); 3.  
 Roman Golikov (SEAT León TCR)

Nring, Race 2, Sunday 29 May  
 1. Aleksey Dudukalo (SEAT León TCR); 2.  
 Nikolay Karamyshev (SEAT León TCR); 3.  
 Pavel Yashin (SEAT León TCR)



## The fight is between Bragin and Dudukalo

The Smolensk Ring and Nizhny Novgorod's Nring hosted the first two events of the SMP Russian Circuit Racing Series, with the Touring class reserved for TCR cars being the main feature on the bill. Dmitry Bragin of TAIF Motorsport and

Aleksey Dudukalo of Lukoil Racing made clear that they will be the main contenders for the title, equally sharing victories, while Dudukalo's teammates Nikolay Karamyshev and Roman Golikov will be fighting to become the third contender.







## Batista and Carvalho make a clean sweep in Braga

Competitors of the TCR Portugal series took part in the opening event at Braga's Circuito Vasco Samerio that featured four sprint races. The pairing of Nuno Batista and

Francisco Carvalho proved to be the more consistent team and won all four, sharing a Veloso Motorsport SEAT León. However, they were not easy victories as several other cars were able to stay

on the winners' pace, such as the Volkswagen Golf of Manuel Gião and Francisco Abreu, the Honda Civic of José Rodrigues and the other SEAT of Francisco Mora.

### Results

Braga, Race 1, Saturday 14 May

1. Francisco Carvalho (SEAT León Cup Racer); 2. Manuel Gião (Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR); 3. Francisco Mora (SEAT León Cup Racer)

Braga, Race 2, Saturday 14 May

1. Nuno Batista (SEAT León Cup Racer); 2. Francisco Abreu (Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR); 3. José Cabral (SEAT León Cup Racer)

Braga, Race 3, Sunday 15 May

1. Nuno Batista (SEAT León Cup Racer); 2. José Rodrigues (Honda Civic TCR); 3. José Cabral (SEAT León Cup Racer)

Braga, Race 4, Sunday 15 May

1. Francisco Carvalho (SEAT León Cup Racer); 2. Rafael Lobato (SEAT León Cup Racer); 3. Manuel Gião (Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR)







## Double victory for Van Dam at Buriram

TCR landed in Thailand, where a small group of drivers made motorsport history in the country taking part in the series' inaugural event during the Thailand SuperSeries meeting at Buriram's Chang International Circuit.

Carlo Van Dam took the lion's share of the spoils at the wheel of the Singha Motorsport SEAT León. The Dutchman dominated the first race on Saturday, but he then had to use all his skill to keep local hero Jack Lemvard at bay in the second race.

### Results

Buriram, Race 1, Saturday 21 May  
1. Carlo Van Dam (SEAT León TCR); 2. Chen Jian Hong (SEAT León TCR); 3. Jack Lemvard (SEAT León TCR)

Buriram, Race 2, Sunday 22 May  
1. Carlo Van Dam (SEAT León TCR); 2. Jack Lemvard (SEAT León TCR); 3. Chen Jian Hong (SEAT León TCR)







# Scandinavia to join TCR family in 2017

TCR keeps on conquering new territories and Scandinavia is the latest addition to the list of regions and countries that have decided to structure their Touring Car championships around this innovatory concept.

The TCR Scandinavia Series that will kick off next year was presented Thursday in a crowded press conference at the Stockholm Grand Hotel.

TCR promoter Marcello Lotti commented: *"We are delighted to add this extra jewel to the TCR crown. And it is one of the brightest. The Scandinavian countries have always had a solid tradition of strong Touring Car championships. I am sure that a lot of fans fondly remember the Super Touring years in the Nineties and, more recently, the seasons that featured the Super 2000 cars. We will be*

*working together to build a series that is at least as successful as those were."*

The new series will be promoted by STCC AB, the organizer of the Swedish Touring Car Championship and the Rally X Nordic series. CEO Jonas Ludin said: *"We were looking for a set of regulations that could bring Touring Car competition back to its place as one of the premiere motorsport series in Nor-*



STCC promoter Jonas Ludin between Marcello Lotti (left) and Greger Petersson (right) who will be partners in promoting the new TCR Scandinavia

# TCR Scandinavia

## Touring Car Championship



Touring Car competition has always been very popular in the Scandinavian countries, especially in the years of Super Touring (here below) and Super 2000 (bottom)



thern Europe. TCR is the perfect opportunity to build a long term programme for the years to come."

The Scandinavian Touring Car Championship was born in 2011, following the merge of the Swedish and the Danish Touring Car championships that were reserved for Super Touring cars. For two seasons the new series adopted the FIA Super 2000 regulations, but from 2013 it switched to Silhouettes. In 2017 the new series will be entirely run in Sweden, but Ludin is already looking at an expansion in the near future: "There is a lot of interest from the Danish, Norwegian and Finnish teams. As the promoter of the Rally X Nordic we have built excellent relationships with the National Sporting Authorities of our neighbouring countries, which will make easy to expand."





## Gené wins TCR class in the 24H Nürburgring

For the first time, TCR cars competed in a dedicated class at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Although only three teams entered the famous long distance race, one of them was able to achieve an outstanding result. The Mathilda Racing SEAT León driven by Jordi Gené, Georg Niederberger, Jürgen Wohlfarth and Andreas Guelden finished the race in a brilliant 33rd position overall out of the 156 starters. The Spanish car completed 116 laps of the Nordschleife, and was classified only 18 laps behind the winning Mercedes-AMG GT3. And this despite an incident that occurred during the downpour that caused the race to be red-flagged for more than three hours.

## Hawkers sponsor of the TCR Fan Award

Hawkers, the successful company that sold 1.6 million pairs of sunglasses last year, has joined the TCR International Series as the sponsor of the Fan Award. Besides producing limited editions of sunglasses for brands like Mercedes Benz and Paypal, sponsoring the Los Angeles Lakers and using famous testimonials such as Usher, Dani Alves and Luis Suárez, Hawkercs boasts more than four million followers on Facebook. The Hawkercs Fan Award gives fans the chance of voting online for the two drivers who are nominated after each event of the series for delivering especially exciting performances on track. After each vote, the winning driver and his team's crew are presented with pairs of Hawkercs sunglasses. In addition, the partnership between Hawkercs and the TCR International Series will be extended to include joint marketing strategies, promotion of each other's brands through digital platforms and competitions on social networks to give away paddock passes for the TCR events.







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live a racing weekend becoming a TCR driver!*



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## The TCR Driving Experience kicked off in Austria

The first event of the TCR Driving Experience was held at the Salzburgring in the frame of the fifth race meeting of the TCR International Series. The first three participants of this unique sporting driving class were a Belgian lady and two men from France and Switzerland who enjoyed the experience of attending formation

lessons and being given valuable advice from Leopard Racing drivers Stefano Comini and Jean-Karl Vernay (who later won the second race on the Austrian track). The weather conditions were not ideal because of the rain, although this contributed to making the course even more challenging for the participants,

who experienced driving in critical grip conditions. The day had begun with the presentation of the TCR Driving Experience clothing (including racing overalls, gloves, balaclava, t-shirt and cap). The participants then attended a theory lesson about the basics of sporting driving and safety that was followed by a detailed explanation of racing lines and the car's reactions. The next step was performing driving exercises to understand the weight shift and explore the car's limits. After practising on the simulator, the participants were given the thrill of the track as passengers of Comini and Vernay in Volkswagen Golf Gti cars. Finally, the icing on the cake was taking the wheel, trying to put into practice the tuition and advice received. The next classes of the TCR Driving Experience will be within the TCR International Series events at Oschersleben (17/19 June), Sochi (1/3 July) and Buriram (26/28 August). For information or booking, email [driving@tcr-series.com](mailto:driving@tcr-series.com) or download the folder from the 'Inside TCR' section of the website [www.tcr-series.com](http://www.tcr-series.com).





## TCR International Series

(after rounds 10 of 22)



### Drivers

1	Stefano Comini	Volkswagen Golf Gti	120 pts
2	Pepe Oriola	SEAT León	119
3	James Nash	SEAT León	112
4	Jean-Karl Vernay	Volkswagen Golf Gti	107
5	Gianni Morbidelli	Honda Civic	107
6	Mat' o Homola	SEAT León	102
7	Sergey Afanasyev	SEAT León	86
8	Aku Pellinen	Honda Civic	63
9	Mikhail Grachev	VW Golf Gti / Honda Civic	58
10	Davit Kajaia	Volkswagen Golf Gti	54
11	Dušan Borković	SEAT León	47
12	Attila Tassi	SEAT León	24
13	Jordi Oriola	Opel Astra / Honda Civic	17
14	Antti Buri	Volkswagen Golf Gti	16
15	Jordi Gené	Volkswagen Golf Gti	16
16	Kevin Gleason	Honda Civic	12
17	Harald Proczyk	Honda Civic	5
18	Luigi Ferrara	Subaru WRX STi	4
19	Francisco Mora	SEAT León	3
19	Florian Janits	Volkswagen Golf Gti	3
21	Salman Al Khalifa	SEAT León	2
21	Loris Hezemans	SEAT León	2
21	Carlotta Fedeli	SEAT León	2
24	Pierre-Yves Corthals	SEAT León	1
24	Alessandra Neri	SEAT León	1
24	Alain Menu	Honda Civic	1
24	Michela Cerruti	Alfa Romeo Giulietta	1

### Teams

1	Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	290 pts
2	WestCoast Racing	247
3	Leopard Racing	233
4	B3 Racing Team Hungary	181
5	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	83
6	Target Competition	20
7	Baporo Motorsport	8
8	Top Run Motorsport	6
8	Ferry Monster Autosport	6
10	Bas Koeten Racing	5
11	B.D. Racing Motorsport	3
12	Sébastien Loeb Racing	2
13	Mulsanne Racing	1

### Model of the year

1	SEAT León	353 pts
2	Volkswagen Golf Gti	298
3	Honda Civic	282
4	Peugeot 308	24
5	Opel Astra	20
6	Alfa Romeo Giulietta	20
7	Subaru WRX STi	12

## TCR Asia

(after rounds 2 of 10)



### Drivers

1	Tin Sritrai	Honda Civic	42 pts
2	Roelof Bruins	SEAT León	41
3	Andy Yan	Volkswagen Golf Gti	39
4	Henry Ho	Honda Civic	25
5	Kevin Tse	Volkswagen Golf Gti	24
6	Filipe de Souza	Volkswagen Golf Gti	16
6	Michael Ho	Honda Civic	16
8	Terence Tse	SEAT León	8
9	Yu Kam Cheong	SEAT León	3
10	Douglas Khoo	SEAT León	2

### Amateur Drivers

1	Kevin Tse	Volkswagen Golf Gti	48 pts
2	Michael Ho	Honda Civic	47
3	Terence Tse	SEAT León	39

### Teams

1	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	55 pts
2	Viper Niza Racing	43
3	Team Thailand	42

## TCR Benelux

(after rounds 5 of 30)



### Drivers

1	Tiago Monteiro/Stéphane Lémeret	Honda Civic	120 pts
2	Edouard Mondron/Guillaume Mondron	SEAT León	70
3	Alexis van de Poele/Romain de Leval	Volkswagen Golf Gti	66
4	Pierre-Yves Corthals/Frédéric Caprasse	Opel Astra	58.5
5	Renaud Kuppens/Benjamin Lessenes	Honda Civic	57.5
6	Sam Dejonghe/Dénis Dupont	SEAT León	51
7	Kévin Balthazar/Frédéric Bouvy	Volkswagen Golf Gti	28
8	Amaury Richard/Didier van Dalen	Volkswagen Golf Gti	25
9	Loris Cencetti/Cédric Cherain	SEAT León	23
10	Tom Coronel/Jamie Vandenbalck	SEAT León	20

### Junior Cup

1	Romain de Leval	Volkswagen Golf Gti	66 pts
2	Benjamin Lessenes	Honda Civic	57.5
3	Amaury Richard	Volkswagen Golf Gti	25

### Teams

1	Boutsen Ginion Racing	50 pts
2	DG Sport Competition	36
3	Delahaye Racing Team	30

## ADAC TCR Germany

(after rounds 4 of 14)



### Drivers

1	Harald Proczyk	SEAT León	70 pts
2	Josh Files	SEAT León	63
3	Benjamin Leuchter	Volkswagen Golf Gti	58
4	Steve Kirsch	Honda Civic	45
5	Tim Zimmermann	Volkswagen Golf Gti	38
6	Antti Buri	SEAT León	36
7	Bas Schouten	SEAT León	32
8	Mike Halder	SEAT León	28
9	Pascal Eberle	SEAT León	25
10	Jürgen Schmarl	SEAT León	16

### Junior Cup

1	Dominik Fugel	Honda Civic	73 pts
2	Mike Beckhusen	SEAT León	68
3	Tom Lautenschlager	Volkswagen Golf Gti	61

### Teams

1	HP Racing	70 pts
2	Target Competition	65
3	Racing One	61

## TCR Portugal

(after rounds 4 of 16)



1	Francisco Carvalho/Nuno Batista	SEAT León	100 pts
2	Francisco Abreu/Manuel Gião	Volkswagen Golf Gti	70
3	Rafael Lobato/César Machado	SEAT León	59
4	José Cabral/Antonio Cabral	SEAT León	56
5	José Rodrigues	Honda Civic	55
6	Francisco Mora	SEAT León	40
7	João Miguel Baptista/Gustavo Moura	SEAT León	34



## CIT

(after rounds 2 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Roberto Colciago	Honda Civic	44 pts
2	Alberto Viberi	SEAT León	30
3	Marco Costamagna	SEAT León	15
4	Romy Dall'Antonia	SEAT León	15
4	Samuel Piccin	SEAT León	15
6	Vincenzo Mortalbano	SEAT León	13
6	Eugenio Pisani	SEAT León	13
8	Jonathan Giacon	SEAT León	12
9	Daniele Cappellari	SEAT León	12
10	Fabio Fabiano	SEAT León	8
10	Emiliano Giorgi	SEAT León	8

## SMP RCRS Touring

(after rounds 4 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Aleksey Dudukalo	SEAT León	396 pts
2	Dmitry Bragin	SEAT León	378
3	Roman Golikov	SEAT León	340
4	Lev Tolkachev	SEAT León	340
5	Pavel Yashin	SEAT León	332
6	Nikolay Karamyshev	SEAT León	284
7	Irek Minnakmetov	SEAT León	226
8	Marat Sharapov	SEAT León	222

Teams		
1	Lukoil Racing Team	680 pts
2	TAIF Motorsport	600
3	Innocenti-AMG Motorsport	530

## CER

(after round 2 of 3)



Drivers			
1	Jaime Font/Faust Salom	SEAT León	104 pts
2	Evgeniy Makushin/Zakhar Makushin	SEAT León	76
3	Unai Arruabarrena/Oscar Fernández/Íñigo Vigjola	SEAT León	76
4	Michael Lepoutre/Álvaro Fontes	SEAT León	68
5	Harriet Arruabarrena/Antonio Arieti/Jordi Masdeu	SEAT León	64
6	Jaime Carbó/Alan Sica	SEAT León	56
7	Vicente Dasi/Josép Parera	SEAT León	56
8	Amàlia Vinyes/Joan Vinyes	SEAT León	48
8	Yuryi Makushin	SEAT León	48
10	Antonio Pérez/Lluís Llobet	SEAT León	19

## TCR Thailand

(after rounds 2 of 8)



Pro Drivers			
1	Carlo Van Dam	SEAT León	50 pts
2	Jack Lemvard	SEAT León	36
3	Grant Supaphong	SEAT León	30
4	Paritrat Bulbon	SEAT León	12

Am Drivers			
1	Chen Jian Hong	SEAT León	50 pts
2	Nattachak Hanjittakasen	Honda Civic	33
2	Wijak Lertprasertpakom	Honda Civic	33

Teams		
1	Kratingdaeng Racing Team	55 pts
2	Singha Motorsport Team Thailand	50
3	TBN MK here Racing Team	36

## TCES

(after round 1 of 3)



Drivers			
1	Bert de Heus/Ivo Breukers/Rik Breukers	SEAT León	29 pts
2	Nabil Moutran/Ramzi Moutran/Sami Moutran/Phil Quaife	SEAT León	26
3	Adam Jones/Gavin Jones/Jacob Hodson/Lea Hodson	SEAT León	24
4	Dennis de Boorst/Melvin de Groot/Pim van Riet/Sebastian Bleekemolen	SEAT León	21
5	Gijs Bessem/Harry Hilders/Martin van den Berge	SEAT León	18

## 24H Series

(after rounds 3 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Nabil Moutran/Ramzi Moutran/Sami Moutran/Phil Quaife	SEAT León	54 pts
2	Harry Hilders	SEAT León	52
3	Ivo Breukers/Rik Breukers	SEAT León	40
4	Melvin de Groot/Sebastian Bleekemolen	SEAT León	36
5	Gijs Bessem	SEAT León	36
6	Bert de Heus	SEAT León	29
7	Adam Jones/Gavin Jones/Jacob Hodson/Lea Hodson	SEAT León	24
8	Pim van Riet/Dennis de Borst	SEAT León	21
9	Andrew Hack/Daniel Wheeler/Kane Astin/Lucas Orrock	SEAT León	22
10	Harriet Arruabarrena/Antonio Arieti/Jordi Masdeu/Íñigo Vigjola	SEAT León	18
10	Martin van den Berge	SEAT León	18



# What's next in the world of TCR

12 June	TCR Asia	Buriram, Thailand
12 June	TCR Italy / TCR Europe	Misano
12 June	TCR Portugal	Vila Real
15/16 June	24H Series	Slovakia Ring
19 June	TCR International Series / TCR Germany	Oschersleben
19 June	TCR Russia	Grozny
26 June	TCR Spain	Aragon
3 July	TCR International Series / TCR Russia	Sochi
3 July	TCR Italy	Magione